

THE HORN BLOWERS.

A young Indian man of Helena, Mont., was following the upper course of the Milk river and, while suddenly lunging to face with a bear, he brought his rifle to his shoulder, took careful aim and shot the bear dead. The next moment a smaller bear appeared from a rocky den. The young hunter saw made a hasty retreat. This surprised a third bear come out of the den. He killed this one also, and he had time to move from the spot before number four appeared. It was exciting to see, but there were more bears than he cared to see at once. However, he made a good shot, and brain turned over, making four dead bears.

While the hunting man stood watching his game a fifth bear, larger than any of the previous ones, came out of the den and rushed forward. This young man fired his last bullet; and before he could reload, the infuriated bear was upon him. One blow of the huge pug sent the gun flying from his grasp, but he quickly drew his hunting knife and wounded bear in the nose. During this he received a severe sprain from the bristle and a mortal bite on the shoulder. Then he lost consciousness.

When he recovered his senses, his horse was between him and the bear. The horse was kicking violently, and brain was making but feeble resistance, and soon fainted out into the brush. The horse was to his broken up, and the wound in his shoulder was severely bleeding. With difficulty he mounted his horse, which was quite numb, and rode to a physician a few miles further on, where his injuries received attention, and his game was secured.—*Youth's Companion*.

HOW BARROW WAS TRICKED.

One day, a good many years ago, Mr. Barrow and a party of friends went to Beloit, Conn., for an outing. As they passed through the waiting room of the hotel whereupon they had been heading up one of the branches, an old man, lame and poor, sat in a chair. He had no coat, one of the few persons in the town who could fairly be classed as paupers. Mr. Barrow knew him; he had met nearly everybody in Beloit, and he stopped to talk with the old fellow for a moment. His friends had passed the door of the room when a grain from the old man caused them to look around.

Mr. Barrow had evidently taken a grain of snuff from the old man's box, and had then extended the receptacle to him. With something added to its contents. The old man, with trembling fingers, took the snuff box and a portion of the snuff, and as the light struck it, it showed a round surface that had yellow glow that was pleasant to look upon. Mr. Barrow started after his friends, but the other called him back.

"Taylor," he said quizzically—*most of the old people of Beloit know Mr. Barrow as Taylor to their dying day*—"Taylor, why do you alter a dodger's folks?"

That was the way the king of the world of the earth was thanked for giving a few dollars gold dust to a team of horses and gold was at a premium of about 250 in those days.—*New York Times*.

An Indian Goldfish Trade.

Several Indians have been observed among the goldfields, which they sold extremely fine gold dust. These Indians are regarded as honest at the business, and strangers remark that this is a mighty prosperous town where the Indians go around selling goldfish. It has been something of a mystery to most people as to where the source of supply existed that has proved such a valuable bonanza to the stock and lively streets.

Judge J. G. Swan has discussed the secret. He says that several years ago a vessel from Honolulu brought to Port Gamboa a small lot of these beautiful fish, which were sold at a high price, and then all dunned them into a pond near Port Gamboa. The fish continued to thrive and multiply, and now the Indians there have a monopoly of the goldfish trade, and no doubt will be able to supply the whole state with these aristocratic fish.—*Port Townsend Call*.

Actions of Animals Before Earthquakes.

Many birds show their timorous behavior an earthquake by hiding their heads under their wings and otherwise behaving in an unusual manner. At the time of the Chilean shock the little titmice sit (titriculus), which usually hide high in the wet sand, came to the top and were caught in great multitudes. In South America certain quadrupeds, such as dogs, cats and ferrets, are believed by the people to give warning of an approaching disaster by running. Sometimes immense banks of sea birds start inland after earthquakes, as if alarmed by some sub-seismic disturbance. The only explanation offered of this apparent precision is that some animals are sensitive to the small tremors which precede nearly all earthquake shocks.—*St. Louis Republic*.

Extremely Freaky.

"Now, Hobby, if you don't want to write a note to Jessie Smith's parents you must write a note to me. You will find the note in my pocket. You will find the note in my pocket."—*The New York Journal*, referring to Mrs. Curtis to her little son.

Hobby struggled with the problem for an hour, and then presented for his mother's inspection the forthcoming trite but inconsequential effusion:

"Mr. Hobson Curtis decline with pleasure Miss Jessie Smith's kind invitation for tea to-morrow, and thanks her earnestly for having given him the opportunity of doing so."—*Harper's Magazine*.

The New York Sun (Dome) says of the "desertion scheme" of Pan-American Association, proposed by Mr. Blaine, that it is the most impudent enterprise devised by the most impudent scoundrel since Thomas Jefferson planned the purchase of Louisiana. It leaves the accomplishment for the United States of not only continental but political supremacy throughout the western hemisphere."

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